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TITLE: BONDED MONOSTRAND POST-TENSION SYSTEM

REMARKS ON AMENDMENT "A"

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 12, 2004, a response being due on June 12, 2004, please consider the following remarks in conjunction with the amendments to the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, previous Claims 1 - 20 have been canceled and new Claims 21 - 38 substituted therefor. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the foregoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of placing the application into a proper condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that Claims 1, 5 and 11 - 14 were rejected as anticipated by the prior Sorkin '912 patent. Claims 6 and 7 were rejected as being obvious over the prior Sorkin patent in view of the DeGain patent. The drawings and disclosure was objected to because of minor numbering informalities. Importantly, it was indicated that Claims 2 - 4, 8 - 10 and 15 - 20 were

“objected to” as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner’s analysis with respect to the prior art rejections, Applicant is desirous of obtaining patent protection for the present invention at an early date. As such, Applicant has amended those “objected to” claims so as to place such claims into a proper independent form in an effort to place the application into a proper condition for allowance. In particular, new independent Claim 21 incorporates the limitations of original independent Claim 1, along with the limitations of objected-to Claim 2. As such, Claim 21 should be in a proper condition for allowance. Dependent Claims 22 - 26 correspond, respectively, to the limitations of previous dependent Claims 3 - 7.

New independent Claim 27 incorporates the limitations of original independent Claim 1, along with the limitations of objected-to Claim 8. As such, Claim 27 should be in a proper condition for allowance. Dependent Claims 28 - 32 reflect the limitations, respectively, of original dependent Claims 9 - 13.

New independent Claim 33 incorporates the limitations of original independent Claim 14, along with the limitations of objected-to Claim 15. As such, independent Claim 33 should be in a proper condition for allowance. Dependent Claim 34 reflects the limitations of previous dependent Claim 16.

New independent Claim 35 incorporates the limitations of original independent Claim 14, along with the limitations of objected-to Claim 17. As such, Claim 35 should be in a proper condition for allowance. Dependent Claims 36 - 38 reflect the limitations of original dependent Claims 18 - 20.

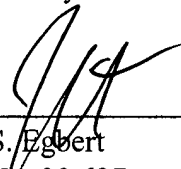
Applicant has revised the drawings so as to correct for the duplicate numbering. In particular, new numeral "23" is used in place of previous incorrect numeral "22" as associated with the cap of the anchor system.

Applicant has revised the specification in paragraphs 29, 31 and 32 so as to correct for these numbering inconsistencies.

Based upon the foregoing analysis, Applicant contends that independent Claims 21, 27, 33 and 35 are now in proper condition for allowance. Additionally, those claims which are dependent upon these independent claims should also be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested and allowance of the claims at an early date is earnestly solicited. Since one independent claim has been added above those originally paid for, an additional fee of \$43 is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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